

SNA March Board Meeting Minutes 3-19-2024

Star of the North Academy
1562 Viking Blvd NE, East Bethel, MN

Meeting called to order at 4:33 PM by Board Chair Javed Mohammad

Board Members Present: Javed Mohammad, Natoli Umer, Abdul Khadeer & Zeenat Ahmed

Board Members Absent: Fikret Ajdinovic

Others Present: Eman Ibrahim, Mindy Wachter, Magdy Rabeaa, Diane Restorff (NEO) & Tamarah Hammad

Community Comment: 5-10 minutes:

Comment is the only open forum portion of today's meeting and is an opportunity to present an issue or concern to the Board of Directors. There is a maximum of ten minutes set aside for Community Comment. Each presentation should be limited to no more than two minutes. If your item needs follow-up from the board and/or staff or will require research etc., a decision may not be made during today's meeting. Thank you for coming.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Abdul Khadeer and seconded Natoli Umer. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes made by Javed Mohammad and seconded by Abdul Khadeer. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items

Item No.	Subject	Presenter	Time
1	Review & Approve January & February Financials: Mindy from Creative Planning presented the Supplemental Packets & Balance Sheets from January & February A motion to approve the Jan. & Feb. Financials as presented made by Javed Mohammad seconded by Natoli Umer. Motion passes unanimously.	Mindy Wachter	4:39-5:02
2	Facility Search for a new site: Javed Mohammad & Abdul Khadeer have been assigned to search for properties and present a site for board approval. A motion to approve the Board Chair (Javed Mohamed) to search for a new site (Second Campus) made by Zeenat Ahmed and seconded by Natoli Umer. Motion passes unanimously.	Javed Mohammad	5:07-5:09
3.	Board Training: Conduct Financial Oversight of Cash Flow: A brief video was showcased, illustrating the process of effectively managing and monitoring cash flow in financial operations.	Javed Mohammad	5:11- 5:20
4.	Review & Approve Safe Return Policy: Eman introduced a comprehensive SNA Safe learning strategy for the academic year of 2024 -2025. A motion to pass for a safe policy as presented made by Abdul Khadeer and seconded by Natoli Umer. Motion passes unanimously.	Eman Ibrahim	5:20-5:23
6.	School Leader Evaluation: Javed Mohammad presented the SNA charter school Principal evaluation rubric.	Javed Mohammad	5:26-5:33

	A motion to pass for a school leader evaluation rubric as presented made by Natoli Umer and seconded by Abdul Khadeer. Motion passes unanimously.		
6.	<p>Executive Director Report:</p> <p>Current enrollment: 190/ waitlist is 47 students. Open Enrollment</p> <p>Staff: The majority of the staff are returning.</p> <p>Teaching & Learning:</p> <p>On March 7th, 2024, the STEM fair was held to encourage students to delve into a particular field of interest by integrating science and engineering principles. Concurrently, the Math night took place for students from K -5, with the goal of boosting the enthusiasm for mathematics through interactive activities, games and puzzles.</p> <p>The bake sale organized by the SNA PTO took place during STEM night, with the proceeds designated for the enhancement of the school library.</p> <p>Second trimester afterschool activities continue at SNA, for math/reading tutoring and Soccer club.</p> <p>Academic Report: Student Growth Summary:</p> <p>MCA April 16th – May 2nd / Science MCA May 1st – May 2nd</p> <p>Reem Bilbeisi educational consultant specializing in providing training and implementing innovative strategies to support students with low academic performance in math and reading.</p> <p>Students must utilize MobyMax while in walk to read and completing homework in order to address and bridge the learning gap.</p> <p>SNA will offer an MCA prep Camp for grades 3rd – 8th, for 4 days with each session lasting 3 hours.</p> <p>Library: Commencing the library opening, we are launching a 30-day challenge for all student, lasting 30 minutes each day.</p> <p>Author visit: This event, which is connected to the opening of the library, entails activity of reading aloud and completing worksheets.</p> <p>Reviewing the summary report of student growth on the Map, it is evident that there has been progress in both Math and Language Arts</p> <p>Grants: GO Wild for fruit and Veggie, where two nutrition educators discuss the importance of healthy eating and staying active.</p>	Eman Ibrahim	5:34 -5:53

Motion for adjournment was made by Abdul Khadeer and Seconded by Natoli Umer

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM

Next SNA Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, at 6:00 pm